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ACTION STR FOR FEKETEKUTY

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD MTN GATT

SUBJECT: EC INTEREST IN SUUPPLY ACCESS CONSULTATION

1. ABBOTT (EC) ADVISED US EC COMMISSION OFFICIALS
WOULD WECOME INFORMAL BILATERAL CONSULTATION WITH US
ON SUPPLY ACCESS, PREFERABLY IN SEPTEMBER, AND HOPES
FEKETEKUTY CAN PARTICIPATE. COMMISSION WOULD LIKE
TO COMPARE NOTES AND "EXPLORE ALL ROUTES" ON
HANDLING OF THIS TOPIC IN MTN BEFORE
US FILES INVENTORY NOTIFICATIONS.

2. ACCORDING TO ABBOTT, COMMISSION, LIKE US, IS
INTERESTD IN GETTING SOMETHING STARTED IN MTN WHICH WILL
EVENTUALLY LEAD TO IMPROVED GATT PORVISIONS ON EXPORT
RESTRICTIVE MEASURES BUT APPRECIATES THAT TO EXTENT
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NTM INVENTORY NOTIFICATIONS ARE DESIGNED FOR

THIS PURPOSE, THEY MUST BE CAREFULLY SCREENED.
HE IS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED THEY NOT BE HEAVILY
WEIGHTED TOWARD LDCS, AND THUS INFLAMMATORY SINCE ONE
OPTION COMMISSION IS CONSIDERING WOULD BE PURSUIT OF THIS
SUBJECT IN BRAZILAIN GATT REFORM GROUP, IF
THAT GROUP ESTABLISHED. (EVEN IF DONE THERE,
COMMISSION WOULD NOT PUSH IDEA FOR SOME TIME YET.)
COMMISSION STAFF ALSO CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF
SUCH WORK IN SOME FASHION UNDER NTM NON-TARIFF
MEASURES GROUP, OR POSSIBLY IN SOME
COMMODITY AREAS SUBJECT OF UNCTAD IV COMMODITY
RESOLUTION.

3. IN CONSULTATIONS, COMMISSION WOULD HAVE TO MAIN
INTERESTS:

A. COMPARISON OF FACTUAL DATA ON POSSIBLE NOTIFICATIONS.
COMMISSION HAS POLLED OVERSEAS POSTS THROUGH MEMBER
STATES AND HAS RECEIVED SOME INFORMATION FROM ABOUT
30 OF 70 INQUIRIES MADE. THEY DO NOT EXPECT TO HAVE
VOLUME OF INFORMATION US DOES BUT WOULD LIKE TO EXCHANGE
DATA.

B. TO EXAMINE VARIOUS AVENUES FOR PROCEEDING
IN MTN. IN THIS CONNECTION ABBOTT ESPECIALLY
INTERESTED TO KNOW WHETHER WE ENVISAGE ANY IMMEDIATE
FOLLOW-UP TO NOTIFICATIONS, I.E., CALLING FOR
ESTABLISHMENT OF WORKING GROUP, OR WOULD SIMPLY
LET NOTIFICATIONS REST FOR
SOME INTERIM PERIOD PENDING JUDGMENT ON APPROPRIATE
FOLLOW-UP. (WE RESPONDED THAT LATTER COURSE WAS
LIKELY, SINCE ONE OF MAIN ARGUMENTS FOR NOTIFICATION
INITIATIVE BY ITSELF HAD BEEN THAT IT WOULD KEEP ALL OPTIONS
OPEN AND DISARM SOME OF TACTICAL OPPOSITION
ALREADY MET IN MTN.)

4. ABBOTT SUGGESTED PROPOSED CONSULTATION COULD BE
DONE INFORMALLY AND AT FEKETEKUTY'S CONVENIENCE,
"NEXT TIME HE IS IN EUROPE" ALTHOUGH SEPTEMBER IS
HOPED FOR. COMMISSION WOULD PREFER TALKS BE IN
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BRUSSELS BUT ABBOTT
IMPLIED GENEVA WOULD ALSO BE ACCEPTABLE SITE.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: REACTION, IF ANY, YOU WISH US
TO CONVEY TO ABBOTT AT THIS TIME. CULBERT

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